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Launch of the Urban Manifesto for the regeneration of UK cities

The Cluster's 'Urban Manifesto for the Regeneration of UK Cities' will be launched at the 3rd Industry & Alumni Breakfast taking place at the end of June.

This high-level event will be chaired by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Portsmouth, Professor Graham Galbraith, and include presentations from our invited experts: Professor Jeremy Till, Mark Smith, Claire Upton-Brown, Fiona Bell and Rupert Cook. Our keynote speakers will use public dialogue to discuss visionary but grounded ideas on the future of urban development in Portsmouth.

The *Manifesto* is a useful template for other UK cities depending too much on car-based transport, fossil-fuel based energy and an urban waterfront under threat of sea-level rise.

It's an urban manifesto in nine recommendations compiled by Professor Steffen Lehmann, director of the Cluster for Sustainable Cities, and it has drawn on the expertise of a number of people from within the University of Portsmouth and the planning industry. The booklet, designed by graphic designer Natalie Poole, outlines practical strategies and transformation pathways for a more sustainable and resilient city of Portsmouth. The recommendations cover different aspects of urban regeneration tailored specifically to the unique 'Island City' of Portsmouth. It is hoped the booklet will work as a guide to inform future decision makers and policies.

"I am delighted to have been involved in the creation of such an important document for the future of Portsmouth, it has been great fun to see the booklet take shape over the past few months and I'm very excited for our guests to see the final product of all our hard work" Natalie said.



The 'Urban Manifesto' booklets arriving from the printers